

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A composition for the oral cavity containing a free radical scavenger.

2. (Currently Amended) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 1 wherein the free radical scavenger is ~~an~~ a enzyme-based antioxidation material or an non-enzyme antioxidation material.

3. (Currently Amended) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2 which further contains a base.

4. (Original) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 3 which further contains an emulsifier.

5. (Original) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 3 wherein the base is selected from the group consisting of waxes, vaseline, triglyceride, squalene, liquid paraffin, polyhydric alcohols, and water soluble polymers.

6. (Original) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 3 wherein the base is a photopolymerizable monomer.

7. (Currently Amended) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ which is used for protecting gingival or oral mucosas.

8. (Currently Amended) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ which is used for protection against a tooth bleaching agent.

9. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 2 which further contains a base.

10. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 9 which further contains an emulsifier.

11. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 9 wherein the base is selected from the group consisting of waxes, vaseline, triglyceride, squalene, liquid paraffin, polyhydric alcohols, and water soluble polymers.

12. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 9 wherein the base is a photopolymerizable monomer.

13. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 2 which is used for protecting gingival or oral mucosas.

14. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 3 which is used for protecting gingival or oral mucosas.

15. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 4 which is used for protecting gingival or oral mucosas.

16. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 5 which is used for protecting gingival or oral mucosas.

17. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 6 which is used for protecting gingival or oral mucosas.

18. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 9 which is used for protecting gingival or oral mucosas.

19. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 2 which is used for protection against a tooth bleaching agent.

20. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 3 which is used for protection against a tooth bleaching agent.

21. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 4 which is used for protection against a tooth bleaching agent.

22. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 5 which is used for protection against a tooth bleaching agent.

23. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 6 which is used for protection against a tooth bleaching agent.

24. (New) The composition for the oral cavity according to claim 9 which is used for protection against a tooth bleaching agent.